

REMARKS

This Preliminary Amendment and Response to Restriction/Election of Species Requirement is made in response to the Office Action dated February 12, 2007, the response for which is due on or before March 15, 2007. Claims 1-23 were pending in this application. By this Preliminary Amendment, claim 1 has been amended to correct claim language. This amendment was not made to distinguish the presently claimed invention over any prior art. Claim 4 has been amended to properly depend from claim 3. Claims 2 and 5-7 have been withdrawn from consideration in view of Applicants' Election of Species made herein. Claims 10-17 and 19-23 have been canceled without prejudice in view of Applicants' response to the Restriction Requirement and Election of Species. New claims 24-36 are being submitted for consideration. Favorable consideration of all of the pending claims is respectfully requested.

Applicants respond to the Restriction Requirement by selecting Invention I, directed to claims 1-18. Accordingly, claims 19-23, directed to Invention II, have been canceled without prejudice. Applicants respond to the Election of Species Requirement by selecting the Species disclosed in Figures 1-3 for further prosecution. Claims 2 and 5-7 have been withdrawn in view of this Election of Species. It is believed that all of the remaining claims, including new claims 24-36, are readable on this elected Species.

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